

New Fable of Everybody's Friend and the Line-Bucker.

Urchins, Edgar and Rufus, who went everyone elso has been Served and to the Post with about an equal Handle, then murmur a few Thanks for the

They got away together down the broad Avenue of Hope which leads one him that if he went Fishing he Lad over the hills and far away to the wouldn't get a Nibble, and if he United States Senate Chamber and climbed a Tree he would fall and guides another unerringly to the Fed break his Leg, and if he tried to maeral Pen near Leavenworth, Kansas.

When Edgar was a Tootsey he retime, he would go Blink. ceived a frequent dusting with Extreme Violet Talcum Powder and was allowed to play with a flaxen-haired Doll named Celeste.

About the same time, Rufus began

to take Cold Baths and was propped up to look at Pictures of Napoleon and John L. Sullivan and Sitting Bull.

At School each was a trifle Dumb. Relatives would call a Mass Meeting to express Regrets and hang Crape all over the Place.

If Rufus got balled up in his Answers, his immediate Kin would pat him on the Back and tell him he was right and the Text-Book was wrong.

Edgar would emerge from the Feathers every morning to find his Parents all lined up to wish him a new set of Police Regulations.

They held up the Rigid Forefinger and warned him that he was merely a Grain of Dust and a Weakling and a poor juvenile Mutt whose Mission in Life was to Lie Down and Behave.

Rufus would be aroused each Sun-rise by a full Military Band of 60 Pleces playing "Hail to the Chief who in Triumph Advances."

Between the Buckwheats and the Sorghum, the two Family Boosters would slip him the pleasing Information that never since the Morning Stars pulled their first Harmonies had there bounded into the Arena another such Prodigy of Intellectual Brilliancy and Physical Valor.

Consequently when Rufus hit the Fresh Air, with the McGuffey under the Arm, he wore his Chest about a foot in front of him.

He acknowledged with a Slight Nod the Salutation from some Member of the Town Board.

Edgar, staggering under a Ton of



Smeared and Disarranged.

at a Distance and sneak into an Alley, because he didn't wish to get Blood all over his Clean Waist.

Whenever Edgar was forced into a Battle and came hor, smeared and disarranged, his Mot. ; would go to her Room and Cry s . ly and Father Cost, upsetting Furniture and Serv-would Paint a vivid Werd-Picture of ants as he swept through the Louna Wretch standing on the Gallows with a Block Cap over his Head.

Then Edgar would crawl to the Hay-Mow and brood over his Moral In to shake Hands with him. firmities and try in a groping way to

Eut, when Rufus appeared all dripping with Gore, his Seconds would cool him cut and rub him with Witch Hazel and pin Medals on him and indicate to him on a Chart the exact latitude and longitude of the Solar

His Parents made the Grave Mis-take of backing him to the Limit. They pumped him full of Courage every Morning and got him out to Lick all Comer a.

cossul husiness Man and as self-asavred as a Chautangus Lecturer.

Everyone distinct him intensely but
that the search they stepped off into the
Mud and gave him the entire double
width of Cement Sidewalk.

Edgar, on the other hand, was one of
the most popular Door-Mais that ever
had "Welcome," marked up and down
his Spinal Column.

All those who scratched Matches on
aim and used him as a Combination
Hall-Tree and Mitching Post used to
committee that he didn't have an Enemy
he the World.

They had corraled his Goat, so he had to play the Part himself.

It had been dinged into him that In a sequestered Dump lived two True Politeness means to wait until Leavings.

Pesides, his Parents had convinced nipulate more than Two Dollars at one

Therefore, when both were in College, Rufus acted as plunging Half-Back, with Blue Smoke coming from his Nostrils, and achieved the undying Distinction of being singled out by Walter Camp.

Edgar sat up on the Bleachers with 2,800 other Mere Students and lent a If Edgar fell down on an Exam, his quavoring Tenor to a Song about Alma Mater.

Even the Undergrads could not take he Tuck out of Rufus.

He was fresher than Green Paint and his Work was Raw, but he was so Resilient that no one could pin him to the Mat and keep him there.
When a Boy has been told 877 times

a Day for many Years that he is the Principal Feature of the Landscape, it takes more than ordinary Doctoring to

He left College thoroughly convinced that the World was his Oyster and that he had an Opener in every Pocket.

He began grabbing Public Service Utilities by Strong-Arm methods, whereupon a lot of Uplifters became excited and wanted some one clse to

He put things Across because when he tucked the Ball under his Arm and began to dig for the Goal of his Immediate Ambition, all the Friends of Public Weal were scared Blue and retired behind the Ropes.

Edgar took his Degree out into the Cold World and began to make apologetic Inquiries regarding Humble Employment which would involve no Responsibilities.

He became an Office Lawyer of the dull gray Variety with a special Aptitude for drawing up Leases and exmining Abstracts. He could not face a Jury or fight a

Case because the fond Parents had put the Sign on him and robbed him of all But a Nice Fellow?

a Petition to be signed, or a Note that accord endorsing came dashing right into Edgar's Office and Hailed him as the Champion Patsy of the Universe.

Not one of these ever ventured into the Lair of the Street Railway Czar. for he knew that Rufus might jump over the Mahogany Table and bite him in the Arm.

Even Edgar, when he made a Business Call on Boyhood Friend and loving Classmate, was permitted to wait in the Outer Room, resting his Hat on his knees, and mingling on terms of Equality with the modish Typist and asked: the scernful Secretary.

And when they went away to look at some Properties, Rutus took the Stateroom while Eagar drew 22 Upper.

the Esteers of the envious but anaemic

Everyone at the Club referred to Edgar as a Good Old Scout, but when Journal. all the Push gathered at the Round Table and some one let fall the Name of the High-Binder, they would open up on Rufus and Pan him to a Whis-

ging Room.

Immediately there would be an Epidemic of Goose Pimples and a Rush

Rufus was sinfully Rich, but neverfigure out his Relation to Things in theless Detestable, because his Family had drilled into him the low-down Habit of getting the Jump on the Other

> Eugar may live in a Rented House but he will always have the laward Satisfaction of knowing that he is a sweet and courteous Gentleman with Pink Underwear, and a Masonic

Charm on his Watch Chain.
When Edgar answers the Call, the Preacher will speak briefly from the Text, "Blessed are the Mcsh."

If the Death Angel succeeds in pull-

No wonder he Lecame as puguacious ing down Rufus, the same Minister as U.S. Grant, as conceited as a Suc-will find a Suggestion for his Remarks cossul husiness Man and as self-as-in those inspiring Words, "I have

The Scrapper is seldom beloved but

"You mean to say Orimson Guich

has an anti-gambling law!"
"Yes," replied Three-Finger Sam.
"We had to have some way of break-ing up the game when a tenderfoot come along and gets to winning all



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ask, 72 inches wide, worth \$1.00 yard, Christmas sale price, 48c 500 yards all-linen Table Damask, worth \$1.25 yard, 72 inches wide, Christmas Sale

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"but I've got some." "Well, give me all you've got,"

'No," said the stranger grimly. 'I'm going to play 'Hamlet' tonight at the opera house."-New York

Just Backward Maybe. Blanche met Carolyn at a

and they were talking of one of the oung men. "I don't care for him at all," re-marked Blanche. "He is a regular

"Indeed!" replied Carlyn. thought he was perfectly lovely!"
"Well," said Blanche, "he yawned three times while I was talking to

"Perhaps he wasn't yawning," sug-gested Carolyn. "He may have been trying to say something, dear.

Would First Be Sure. From an English recruiting center

omen this story: An Irish recruit was being drilled n the mysteries of fencing with the bayonet. "Now," said the instructor, after carefully explaining various lunges, "what would you do if your opponent fainted?"

"By groe, sir," said the Trishman, with a wink, "I'd jest prod him wid the holint of me bayonet to see if he

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ly to these children who have tubercu-losis or who are run down, auaemic

and likely to contract the disease.

In the open air school movement
Red Cross seals have played and are
still playing an important part. The seal money, through the Anti-Tubercu-lasts societiesc, has been the means for experimenting and convincing the archeaded school hoards of the wis-dom of the plan and also for providing food, clothing and special nursing care which the public funds could not fur-nish. Red Cross scale are amony the children's truest friends.

European War Hard on Newspapers.

When the European war started it our memory serves us correctly, the Associated Press had a surplus in its treasury of something like half a million dollar. Today it is said this surplus has not only been exhausted but it is thought the assessment on members will have to be increased in order to meet the increased expense of guitting the Kuropean war news. And yet, there are the usands of people who have an idea that this European war is a great thing for the newspapers in a financial way.—Wichita Times.

Yes, Mr. Bryan has lived up to that ed and Taught at Same Time.

"Say teacher, how sick's a feller got ter be ter get in this 'ere open air school?" This was a greeting to one (tristian character that give force to "Cross of Gold" speceh and has other-"Well, give me all you've got," of the teachers at the Elizabeth McApr great hig Brute of a Man with a Treorish Instinct for pouncing on each Good Thing and then hanging on to it like Grim Death, never can win the Esteers of the envious but anaemic "No." said the stranger grimly studying working alegating to one thir stand character that give force to of the teachers at the Elizabeth McCormick Air School in Chicago him and hear him gladly, even though they may not always agree with his each Good Thing and then hanging on to it like Grim Death, never can win the Esteers of the envious but anaemic "No." said the stranger grimly studying working alegating and law studying working alegating to one thir study the studying to the teachers at the Elizabeth McCormick Air School in Chicago him and hear him gladly, even though they may not always agree with his of the other day by a puny little fellow with the says. The people believe in the study in the says. The people believe in the says agree with his common and the says. The people believe in the says. The people believe in the says agree with his common and the says. The people believe in the says agree with his common an studdying, working, sleeping and play- ful consideration that is now ing all in the open air.

Open air schools to the number of all preparedness question. Popular nearly 500 are now maintained all sentiment is obviously at variance over the United States. Some of them with the view he is taking of the subthis winter in the northern states will ject; and yet people will pay for the local designs when the thermometer is nold sessions when the thermometer is privilege of hearing him present his down to zoro or below. Others will views and scheming politicians fear enjoy the balmy winds of outhern him as something terrible, for they California, Louisiana or Alabama. The know that those who join issue with open air school idea is confined mainhim must come out into the open.-Albany Herald.

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